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ready to do battle with me and they think they can win, and perhaps they can. If they get 33 votes, they will triumph at that stage of the debate. But we have a different Speaker now who is going to start looking at the significance of these bills and see whether or not they merit taking all the time that they take, especially when they have these kind of bombshells that the introducers know are going to run afoul of me. And this bill is going to meet that fate, and if you all give it 33 votes, I will take my whipping on it, but it will be a Pyrrhic victory. That's when this King had won a battle against the Romans, but he lost so much he said, any more victories such as this and I am undone. So the Pyrrhic victory means you win this battle but you lose the war because so much in the way of resources is expended and lost that you cannot consider...continue the struggle. And before you all start voting cloture on nonessential bills such as this, you think about bills that you've got, and you ask the senator who wants you to vote cloture is he or she is going to be with you on your bill. And that senator will tell you, well, no, no, no, we take them a bill at a time. And you ask, in your naivete, what does that mean? Well, the bill we're taking right now is mine, so I want your vote. Your bill is another one, we'll decide what we're going to do on that when your bill comes up. And if you have any smarts, that means the answer is no. But you're expected to be so dumb you don't get it, so I'm being very blunt as I mentor some of my new colleagues...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...if they're willing to be mentored. If you want to study what being a successful politician is, you ought to look at my career; one person, outnumbered, doesn't belong to a political party, has no backing of any special interest group, has no money, but can be as effective as I am. I understand this system and I understand people, and nobody has strings on me. The Game and Parks Commission can't make me do anything, but they've antagonized me today, so I'm going to show what I can do to them. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Stuhr.